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To: HIV Testing Sites Participating in the State of Maryland's HIV Counseling, Testing, and Referral (CTR) Program

From: The Maryland AIDS Administration

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Subject: Important Changes in HIV/AIDS Reporting

Effective April 24, 2007, the Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act of 2007 requires all physicians to report by name to the health department all patients with diagnoses of HIV or AIDS and all newborn infants exposed to HIV infection. As a clinical testing site, an HIV CTR Program Site must have a responsible physician and therefore must report any client with a positive confidential HIV test result.

Physicians are now required to comply with the revised Maryland law, Health General Article 18-201.1. Compliance with the Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act will allow the development of complete and accurate statistics on HIV/AIDS disease and ensure that agencies across Maryland get full federal funding to provide services to persons living with HIV and AIDS.

Physicians or HIV CTR Program Site staff, acting on behalf of the physician, should either call or mail the form DHMH-1140 (Maryland Confidential Morbidity Report) to their local health officer within 48 hours. If the reporting physician is the health officer, then the report should initiate an HIV surveillance case investigation according to the already existing procedures. HIV and AIDS case reports **MUST NOT BE SENT BY FAX**. Copies of the updated reporting form and its instructions, including the contact information for the local health officers, will be available shortly at:
www.dhmh.state.md.us/AIDS/ProviderResources/surveillance.htm.

For up to date information on HIV and AIDS reporting please visit:
www.dhmh.state.md.us/AIDS/HivReporting/HivReport.html

For additional questions about HIV and AIDS case reporting please contact the Maryland AIDS Administration.